

ANNUAL REPORTS

Of the Officers of the Town of  
**BENTON, N. H.**

For the Year Ending  
December 31, 1947



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TWIN STATE PUBLISHING CO., INC.  
Woodsville, N. H.

## BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Ira E. Elliott

TOWN CLERK

Floyd J. Hutchins

## SELECTMEN

Alfred U. Mardin

Charles H. Tyler

John Boutin

Term Expires 1948

Term Expires 1949

Term Expires 1950

HIGHWAY AGENT, Ira E. Elliott

TREASURER

Margaret E. Elliott

TAX COLLECTOR

Ira E. Elliott

## SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Napoleon Burke (R)

Ethel A. Boutin

Chester H. Elliott

Joseph Boutin, Jr.

## SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Floyd J. Hutchins

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Mildred Elliott

Lulu Clark

Frances Mardin

## FENCE VIEWER, Wayne Wheeler

CONSTABLE

Ira E. Elliott

## SCHOOL BOARD

Lulu Clark

Floyd J. Hutchins

Ethel A. Boutin

## TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Napoleon Burke

Forrest Clark

Floyd J. Hutchins

SEXTON, Wayne Wheeler

South Benton, William Coates

AUDITOR, Ethel A. Boutin

## BALLOT CLERKS

Thelma Boutin

Frances Mardin

Mildred A. Elliott

LIBRARIAN, Margaret E. Elliott

HEALTH OFFICER

John Boutin

RELIEF AGENT

Ethel A. Boutin

POUND KEEPER

Chester H. Elliott

## Town Meeting Warrant

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### The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in  
Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (March 9th) at ten o'clock in the forenoon until four P.M. in the afternoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, Alfred U. Mardin being the outgoing member, one Highway Agent, one Tax Collector, one Town Treasurer, one Auditor, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, and all other necessary Town Officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear the Reports of Officers and Agents heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' salaries and expenses for the repair and maintenance and construction of highways and bridges, for the observance of Memorial Day and for all other Town charges and expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take in regards to how Memorial Day will be observed.

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take in regards to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to plow roads in the Winter season as far as Noxon Lodge and to have the Town Highway Agent make a turning around place at said lodge.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to repair or give the Selectmen authority to sell at auction to the highest bidder to any resident in the Town of Benton only, the so-called Town Clerk's office.

Article 8. The polls will be open from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. to vote for delegates.

Article 9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Warrant to be left open to any voter for articles until posting date of Selectmen.

Given under our hands and seal this 14th day of January, A. D., 1948.

ALFRED U. MARDIN,  
CHARLES H. TYLER,  
JOHN BOUTIN,

Selectmen of Benton

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

ALFRED U. MARDIN,  
CHARLES H. TYLER,  
JOHN BOUTIN,

Selectmen of Benton

## BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the ensuing year,  
Jan. 1, 1948 to Jan. 1, 1949

compared with

Actual Revenue Jan. 1, 1947 to Jan. 1, 1948

Sources of Revenue	Actual 1947	Est'm'd 1948
FROM STATE:		
Interest and Dividend Tax		
Railroad Tax	\$11.51	\$10.00
Savings Bank Tax	3.70	3.00
Bounties	54.54	118.00
FROM SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:		
Interest of Costs Included	22.14	20.00
Auto Permits 1947	134.02	130.00
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:		
Poll Taxes 1947	62.00	100.00
Dog Taxes 1947	28.00	40.00
Income Forest Reserve for 1946	995.51	700.00
Income from a/c Federal Forest lands	603.41	600.00
INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS:		
For Cemeteries 1947	58.82	58.00
For Highways 1947	56.37	56.00
TOTAL REVENUES		\$1,835.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes		3,390.00
TOTAL REVENUES		\$5,225.00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES ESTIMATED		\$1,835.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Tax		3,390.00
GRAND TOTAL OF ESTIMATED REVENUES FOR 1948 COM- PARED WITH 1947		\$5,225.00

**BUDGET****For 1948****Purpose of Expenditures****Current Maintenance Expense:**

	<b>Actual 1947</b>	<b>Est'm'd 1948</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>		
1. Town Officers' Salaries	\$427.65	\$400.00
2. Town Officers' Expenses	255.51	260.00
3. Election and Registration	55.71	215.00
4. Community Building Care	53.50	125.00
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:</b>		
5. Police Department	5.00	5.00
6. Bounties	118.00	
<b>HEALTH:</b>		
7. Health Department	5.00	5.00
8. Vital Statistics	7.00	7.00
<b>HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:</b>		
9. Town Roads	763.60	600.00
10. Snow Removal and Sanding	1,403.80	700.00
11. June Flood Damage	371.38	
<b>LIBRARIES:</b>		
12. Librarian	12.00	12.00
<b>CHARITIES:</b>		
13. Town Poor and Old Age Assistance	420.70	300.00
<b>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:</b>		
14. Memorial Day	25.40	25.00
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:</b>		
15. Cemeteries	138.10	75.00
16. Payment on Community Building	88.00	88.00
17. Interest on Notes	65.00	65.00
18. Town Road Aid	87.55	90.00
<b>Payments to Other Government Divisions</b>		
19. County Tax	345.90	350.00
20. Payments to School District	1,758.71	1,900.00
Less Dog Tax and Forest Reserve		
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$5,225.00</b>



## INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

April 1, 1947

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Land and Buildings	\$65,150.00
Growing Wood and Timber	8,200.00
Electric Plants (2)	30,990.00
Horses (18)	1,850.00
Bulls (2)	200.00
Cows (80)	8,450.00
Neat Stock (23)	1,535.00
Sheep (10)	70.00
Fowls (2,000)	3,000.00
Wood and Lumber	1,190.00
Gasoline Pump and Tanks	250.00
Stock in Trade	325.00

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Total Valuation	\$125,210.08
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1947 Valuation	\$125,210.08
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1946 Valuation	125,152.00
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Increase	\$ 58.08
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57 Polls @ \$2.00	\$114.00
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Average Rate of Taxation for All Purposes	\$3.92
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**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES  
ASSESSED TOWN OF BENTON FOR YEAR 1947**

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APPROPRIATIONS:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$400.00
Town Officers' Expenses	250.00
Election and Registration	50.00
Town Hall and Buildings	200.00
Police Department	5.00
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	10.00
Town Road Maintenance	750.00
Flood	324.00
Snow Removal	1,000.00
For Snow Plow	200.00
Libraries	12.00
Town Poor and Old Age Assistance	420.00
Memorial Day	20.00
Cemeteries	75.00
Annual Community Building Payment	88.00
Interest on Notes	60.00
Payments on Principal of Debt	225.00
County Tax	345.90
School Tax	1,973.77
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TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS	\$6,413.77

### Less Estimated Revenues and Credits

Forest Reserve	\$800.00
Railroad Tax	10.00
Savings Bank Tax	6.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	600.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	125.00
Interest on Taxes	20.00

Total Revenue and Credits	\$1,561.00
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Appropriations	\$6,413.67
Revenues	1,561.00

Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$4,852.67
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Plus Overlay	9.00
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\$4,861.67

Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$4,861.67
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Less 57 Polls @ \$2.00	114.00
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**Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes  
on Which Tax Rate is Figured**

\$4,747.67

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Taxes to be Committed to Collector	\$4,747.67
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Polls, 57 @ \$2.00	114.00
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Total Taxes Committed to Collector	\$4,861.67
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Average Tax Rate for All Purposes \$3.92

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Overlay was changed in Concord to \$62.76 due to a change in the School Tax to keep tax rate at \$3.92 which was approved.

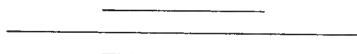
**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

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Community Building	\$5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Town Clerk Building	200.00
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Library	300.00
Highway Equipment	445.00
Town Safe	50.00
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Total Value	\$7,045.00

# FINANCIAL REPORT

of the Town of Benton



## ASSETS

**Cash:**

In hands of Treasurer	\$1,436.99
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**Accounts Due to the Town:**

Other bills due Town—	
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Bounties	118.00
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Estimate Forest Reserve 1947	700.00
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Estimate Forest Reserve a/c Federal	600.00
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**Unredeemed Taxes:** (from tax sale on account of)

Levy of 1946	38.75
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**Uncollected Taxes:**

1947	906.58
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1946 Polls	2.00
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1945 Polls	20.00
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Previous Years	52.00
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Total Assets	\$3,874.32
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Surplus, December 31, 1946	\$1,555.66
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Surplus, December 31, 1947	\$1,831.83
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Increase of Surplus	\$276.17
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LIABILITIES
**Accounts Owed by Town:**

Due to School Districts:	
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Balance of Appropriation	\$690.49
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**Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes:**

1,000.00
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**Long Term Notes Outstanding:**

Community Building Note	352.00
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Total Liabilities	\$2,042.49
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Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	1,831.83
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Grand Total	\$3,874.32
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(The \$1,000.00 was paid January 29 to short term note)

## RECEIPTS

## Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes—	
Property Taxes 1947	\$3,909.47
Poll taxes 1947	62.00
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Total	\$3,971.47
Property Taxes 1945 and 1946	877.25
Poll Taxes 1945 and 1946—Regular @ \$2	68.00
Poll Taxes—Special @ \$3	6.00
Interest Received on Taxes	18.64
Tax Bought by Town and Costs	42.25
From State—	
Railroad Tax	11.51
Savings Bank Tax	3.70
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Lands	603.41
National Forest Reserve	995.51
Bounties	54.50
From Local Sources, Except Taxes—	
Dog Licenses	28.00
Income from Trust Funds	115.19
Registration of Motor Vehicles, 1947 Permits	134.02
Receipts Other than Current Revenue—	
Salary Overpayment and TRA Payroll	449.20
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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$7,378.65
Total Receipts from All Sources	1,008.88
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Grand Total	\$8,387.53

## PAYMENTS

## Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government—	
Town Officers' Salaries	\$427.65
Town Officer's Expenses	255.51
Election and Registration Expenses	55.71

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Expenses Town Hall and Other Town		
Buildings	53.50	
Protection of Persons and Property—		
Police Department, Including Care of		
Tramps	5.00	
Bounties	118.00	
Health—		
Health Department, Including Hospitals	5.00	
Vital Statistics	7.00	
Highways and Bridges—		
Town Road Aid to State	87.55	
Town Maintenance:		
(Summer \$1,134.98)		
(Winter \$1,403.80)	2,538.78	
General Expenses of Highway Depart-		
ment TRA Payroll Refunded	428.80	
Libraries—		
Libraries	12.00	
Public Welfare—		
Old Age Assistance	200.63	
Town Poor	220.07	
Patriotic Purposes—		
Memorial Day and Veterans' Asso-		
ciations	25.40	
Public Service Enterprises—		
Cemeteries	138.10	
Unclassified—		
Advertising and Regional Associations	12.00	
Taxes Bought by Town	47.83	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$4,638.53
Interest—		
Paid on Long Term Notes	Total	\$65.40
Total Interest Payments		\$65.40

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## Indebtedness—

Payments on Long Term Notes	\$88.00
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Total Indebtedness Payments	\$88.00
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## Payments to Other Governmental Divisions—

Special Poll Taxes @ \$3 Paid to State	\$54.00
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Taxes Paid to County	345.90
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Payments to School Districts	1,758.71
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Total	\$2,158.61
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Total Payments for All Purposes	\$6,950.54
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1947	1,436.99
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Grand Total	\$8,387.53
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**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

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Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$5,000.00
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Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
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## Libraries, Lands and Buildings—

Furniture and Equipment	300.00
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## Lands and Buildings—

Town Clerk's Building and Equipment	250.00
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## Highway Department, Lands and Buildings—

Equipment	445.00
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## Schools—

Town Safe	50.00
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Total	\$7,045.00
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## CERTIFICATE

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This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief

ALFRED U. MARDIN,  
CHARLES H. TYLER,  
JOHN BOUTIN,

Selectmen of Benton

MARGARET E. ELLIOT,

Treasurer

January 16, 1948.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

ALFRED U. MARDIN,  
CHARLES H. TYLER,  
JOHN BOUTIN,

Selectmen of Benton

## ASSETS

**Cash:**

In Hands of Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1947	\$1,436.99
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**Accounts Due the Town:**

Due From the State of N. H.—	
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Bounties	118.00
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Estimate of Forest Reserve (1947)	700.00
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Estimate Reimbursement a/c Federal Lands	600.00
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**Taxes:**

1945 Polls	20.00
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1946 Polls	2.00
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1946 Property	38.75
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1947 Polls	52.00
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1947 Property	906.58
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Total Assets	\$3,874.32
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Surplus Dec. 31, 1946	\$1,555.66
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Surplus Dec. 31, 1947	1,831.83
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Increase of Surplus	\$276.17
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## LIABILITIES

**Accounts Owed by Town:**

Community Building Note	
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Woodsville Bank Long Term Note	\$352.00
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Short Term Note Woodsville Bank	1,000.00
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**Due to the School District:**

Dog Licenses	
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Paid to Schoo Tr.	
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Balance of Appropriation	690.49
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Total Liabilities	\$2,042.49
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Part Share of 1946 Forest Reserve	
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Paid to School	
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Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$1,831.83
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**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR TOWN OF BENTON  
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1947**

Margaret E. Elliott, Town Treasurer

Received from Ira E. Elliott, Tax Collector:

1947 Property Tax	\$3,909.47
1947 Poll Tax	62.00
1947 Interest	1.04
1946 Property Tax	874.45
1946 Property Tax Bought by the Town	38.75
1946 Poll Tax	64.00
1946 Interest on Property Taxes	14.72
1946 Interest on Property Taxes Bought by Town	2.08
1946 Cost	3.50
1946 Interest on Poll Taxes	.32
1945 Property Tax	2.80
1945 Interest	.48
1945 Poll Tax Regular	4.00
1945 Poll Tax Special	6.00
From Collector, Refund for Salary Overpayment	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,008.61</b>

Received from State of New Hampshire:

National Forest Reserve Fund	995.51
Forest Lands	603.41
Bounty on Hedgehogs	44.50
Bounty on Two Bears	10.00

Reimbursement on TRA for—

Payroll for Labor	424.20
Savings Bank Tax	3.70
Railroad Tax	11.51

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,092.83</b>
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Received from Floyd J. Hutchins, Town  
Clerk and Trustee of Trust Funds Tr.:

1947 Motor Vehicle Tax	\$134.02
1947 Dog Tax for Schools	28.00
1947 Trust Fund, for Highways	56.37
1947 Trust Fund for Cemeteries	58.82

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Total	\$277.21
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From Ira E. Elliott, Tax Collector	\$5,008.61
From State of New Hampshire	2,092.83
From Floyd J. Hutchins	277.21

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Total 1947 Receipts	\$7,378.65
Balance December 31, 1946	1,008.88

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Grand Total	\$8,387.53
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	6,950.54

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BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1947	\$1,436.99
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MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Treasurer

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### TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT, 1947

Ira E. Elliott, Tax Collector

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Taxes Committed to Collector	\$4,930.05
1947 Property Taxes Collected	3,909.47
1947 Poll Taxes Collected	62.00
1947 Interest	1.04
1947 Uncollected	906.58
1947 Uncollected Polls	52.00

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Total	\$9,861.14
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## Levy of 1946:

Property Taxes Collected	\$913.20	
1946 Polls Collected	64.00	
1946 Interest	16.80	
1946 Interest on Poll Taxes	.32	
1946 Costs	3.50	
1946 Uncollected Polls	2.00	
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Total		\$999.82

## Levy of 1945:

1945 Property Taxes Collected	\$2.80	
1945 Interest	.48	
1945 Regular Poll Tax	4.00	
1945 Special Poll Tax	6.00	
1945 Uncollected Regular Poll	8.00	
1945 Uncollected Special Poll Tax	12.00	
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Total		\$33.28

Refunded \$25.00 overpayment of salary.

I hereby certify that the above collections are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IRA E. ELLIOTT, Tax Collector

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### AUDITOR'S REPORT

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I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds and have found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN, Town Auditor

January 8, 1948

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

For Year Ending December 31, 1947

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Books in Library December 31, 1946	1,021
Books added by the State	2
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Books on Hand	1,023
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Books Loaned in 1947	102
Books in Circulation	5
Books in Library December 31, 1947	1,018
Books Loaned by Bookmobile	94

We wish to thank the Bookmobile for the books loaned during the year.

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Librarian

# RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS

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## Detailed Payments



## RECEIPTS

**Current Revenue:****From Local Taxes:**

Total Taxes Committed to Collector	\$4,816.05
Less Uncollected	906.58

**From Ira E. Elliott, Tax Collector:**

1947 Property Taxes Actually Collected	\$3,909.47
1947 Interest	1.04
1947 Poll Taxes	62.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,972.51</b>
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**Property and Polls of Previous Years:**

1946 Property Tax	\$ 874.45
1946 Property Tax Bought by the Town	38.75
1946 Poll Taxes	64.00
1946 Interest on Property Taxes	14.72
1946 Interest on Property Taxes Bought by Town	2.08
1946 Costs of Sale	3.50
1946 Interest on Poll Taxes	.32
1945 Property Tax	2.80
1945 Interest	.48
1945 Poll Tax Regular	4.00
1945 Poll Tax Special	6.00
Ira E. Elliott, Tax Collector	
By Refund overpayment of Collector's salary	25.00

<b>Total Tax and Refund Collections</b>	<b>\$5,008.61</b>
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Received from State of New Hampshire National Forest Reserve Fund	\$ 995.51
a/c Federal Forest Lands	603.41
1946 Bounty on Hedgehogs	44.50
1946 Bounty on Two Bears	10.00
Payroll Reimbursement on T.R.A.	424.20
Savings Bank Tax	3.70
Railroad Tax	11.51

<b>Total State Receipts</b>	<b>\$2,092.83</b>
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**Received from Floyd Hutchins:**

1947 Motor Vehicle Tax	\$134.02
1947 Dog License Tax	28.00
1947 Trust Funds for Highways	56.37
1947 Trust Funds for Cemeteries	58.82

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**Total Town Clerk and Trust Fund  
Collections**
**\$277.21****Total Collections for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1947:**

From Ira E. Elliott	\$5,008.61
From State of New Hampshire	2,092.83
From Floyd J. Hutchins	277.21

**Total Collections****\$7,378.65****Total Collections****\$7,378.65**

Cash on hand December 31, 1946

1,008.88

**Grand Total****\$8,387.53**


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**EXPENSE**
**Current Maintenance Expense:****General Government:****Detail**

1. Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 427.65
2. Town Officers' Expenses	255.51
3. Election and Registration	55.71
4. Community Building	53.50

**Protection of Persons and Property:**

5. Police Department	5.00
6. Bounties	118.00

**Health Department:**

7. Health Officer	5.00
8. Vital Statistics	7.00

**Highways and Bridges:**

9. T.R.A. to State	87.55
10. Snow Removal, Sanding and Plow Labor	1,403.80
11. Town Maintenance and Flood	1,134.98
12. T.R.A. Refund Account	428.80

**Libraries:**

13. Librarian	12.00
14. Town Relief and Old Age Assistance	420.70

**Patriotic Purposes:**

15. Memorial Day Supplies	25.40
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**Cemeteries:**

16. Cemeteries	138.10
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**Unclassified:**

17. White Mountain Region Association	12.00
18. Taxes Bought by Town Including Interest and Costs	47.83
19. Interest	65.40
20. Balance of Special Polls	54.00
21. Payment on Community Building	88.00

**Payments to Government Divisions:**

22. County Tax	345.90
23. Schools	1,758.71

<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>\$6,950.54</b>
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1947	1,436.99
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$8,387.53</b>
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**DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS****Detail No. 1, Town Officers' Salaries**

Ethel A. Boutin, Auditing 1946 Accounts	11.20
Ira E. Elliott, Attending Tax Meeting	4.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, Motor Fees	14.75
Alfred U. Mardin, Balance 1946 Salary	11.20

Floyd J. Hutchins, Town Clerk's Salary	50.00
Ira E. Elliott, Tax Collector's Salary	50.00
Ira E. Elliott, Overpaid by Error in Town Order	25.00
Margaret E. Elliott, Town Treasurer's Salary	50.00
Alfred U. Mardin, Selectman's Salary—1947	60.00
Charles H. Tyler, Selectman's Salary—1947	85.00
John Boutin, Selectman's Salary—1947	45.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, (14) 1947 Dog Fees	2.80
Floyd J. Hutchins, (15) 1947 Motor Fees	7.50
Floyd J. Hutchins, Trustee One Day	5.60
Napoleon Burke, Trustee One Day	5.60

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Total	\$ 427.65
Less Collector's Refund	25.00

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Total	\$ 402.65
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The amount of \$25.00 was refunded to Town by Ira E. Elliott, Tax Collector for overpayment of salary by error in Town order.

Actual amount expended for Town Officers' salaries	\$402.65
Appropriated for Town Officers' salaries	\$400.00

#### **Detail No. 2, Town Officers' Expenses**

E. B. Mann Co., Report Paper	\$ .45
C. H. Tyler, Phone and Postage	3.79
N. H. Assessors, Collector's Dues	4.00
Alfred U. Mardin, Car Use	3.80
Twin State Publishing Co., Report Printing	148.50
Floyd J. Hutchins, Car Use	3.00
F. G. Shores, Transfer of Deeds	3.52
John Boutin, for Three Selectmen's Dinners	6.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, Town Clerk's Postage	1.26
Edson C. Eastman, Town Supplies	3.06
Wheeler & Clark, Selectmen's Rubber Stamp	2.03
R. T. Bartlett, Town Officers' Bonds	21.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr., Car Investigating Fire	3.00
John Boutin, Car Investigating Town Roads	3.00
Brown Saltmarsh Co.	13.15
N. H. Collectors Association, Dues	2.00
Charles Hardy, Tr., Town Clerk's Dues	2.00

Lisbon Savings Bank, Rent of Trustee's Box	4.80
Alfred U. Mardin, Car Use	15.00
Margaret E. Elliott, Town Treasurer's Postage	3.65
Ira E. Elliott, Tax Collector's Postage	3.50
Floyd J. Hutchins, Use of Car to Lisbon and Two Dinners—Trustees Business	5.00

Total	\$ 255.51
Appropriated	\$250.00

**Detail No. 3, Election and Registration**

Edson C. Eastman Co., (6) Checklists	\$ 2.51
Ethel A. Boutin, Supervisor March Meeting	11.20
Napoleon Burke, Supervisor March Meeting	11.20
Chester H. Elliott, Supervisor March Meeting	11.20
Ira E. Elliott, Moderator March Meeting	5.60
Ethel A. Boutin, Supervisor December Setting	5.60
Chester H. Elliott, Supervisor December Setting	5.60
Joseph Boutin, Appointed Supervisor December Setting	2.80

Total Expense	\$ 55.71
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After many years of faithful service, Napoleon Burke has resigned as one of our Supervisors of the Town's voting list. Joseph Boutin, Jr. being appointed.

**Detail No. 4, Town Community Building Expense**

Forrest Clark, Labor	\$ 16.00
Wayne Wheeler, Labor	4.20
Howard Tyler, Labor	23.30
Howard Tyler, Supplies and Labor	10.00

Total	\$ 53.50
Appropriated	\$200.00

**Detail No. 5, Police Department, Protection of  
Persons and Property**

Ira E. Elliott, Constable	\$ 5.00
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Total	\$ 5.00
Appropriated	\$5.00

**Detail No. 6, Bounties**

Bounties Paid on 3 Bears and Porcupines	\$ 118.00
Total	\$ 118.00

**Detail No. 7, Health Department**

John Boutin, Health Officer	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 5.00
Appropriated	\$5.00

**Detail No. 8, Vital Statistics**

14 Deaths @ 50c	\$ 7.00
Total	\$ 7.00
Appropriated	\$10.00

**Detail No. 9, T.R.A.**

Town's Payment to State of New Hampshire	\$ 87.55
Total	\$ 87.55

The following is the amount paid for T.R.A. labor through the Town Treasurer which was refunded by State to avoid men waiting for checks.

Ira E. Elliott, Self and Truck	\$ 224.00
Chester H. Elliott, Labor	89.60
John Elliott, Sr., Labor	51.20
Joseph Boutin, Jr., Labor	64.00
Total	\$ 428.80

**Detail No. 10, Snow Removal and Sanding**

Ira E. Elliott, Self and Truck	\$ 774.90
Chester H. Elliott, Labor	217.35
Benjamin Elliott, Labor	84.35
John Elliott, Sr., Labor	3.50
John Elliott, Jr., Labor	18.20
Robert Elliott, Labor	12.60
Joseph Boutin, Jr., Labor	6.30
Floyd J. Hutchins, Labor	9.10
Wayne Wheeler, Labor	35.70

John Boutin, Labor	4.90
Harlan Hutchins, Labor	14.70
Ernest Coates, Labor	1.40
Albert Boutin, Labor	4.90
Howard Tyler, Labor	3.15
John Boutin, Jr., Labor	4.90
Paul Boutin, Labor	12.95
Harry Lackie, Jr., Labor	5.00
C. T. Bailey & Son, Chains	40.70
State Highway Garage, Plow Labor	35.23
Eastern Pine Co., Snow Fence Posts	3.75
Dexter's Garage, Snow Plow Work	30.28
Treasurer, State of N. H., Lawrence Smith, Snow Plowing	36.60
State Highway Garage, Plow Labor	43.34

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Total	\$1,403.80
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Appropriated	\$1,200.00
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**Detail No. 11, Town Road Work**

Ira E. Elliott, Self and Truck	\$ 386.55
Chester H. Elliott, Labor	177.10
Benjamin Elliott, Labor	118.65
John Elliott, Jr., Labor	50.05
John Elliott, Sr., Labor	5.60
Wayne Wheeler, Labor	1.40
Joseph Boutin, Jr., Labor	5.60
Floyd Hutchins, Paid by Selectmen's Order for Overpayment on Trustee's Account	5.00
Town of Haverhill, Gravel	6.30
Scruggs Hardware, Tools	7.35

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Total	\$ 763.60
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Appropriated	\$750.00
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**Flood Damage:**

Ira E. Elliott, Self and Truck	\$ 193.80
Chester Elliott, Labor	79.80
Benjamin Elliott, Labor	19.60
John Elliott, Jr. Labor	9.80
Robert Elliott, Labor	30.80

Joseph Boutin, Jr., Labor	1.75
Howard Tyler, Labor	6.30
Town of Haverhill, Gravel	18.00
Tilden Day, Gravel	5.00
Ernest Coates, Gravel	2.80
Frederick Page, Gravel	1.40
Woodsville Hardware, Tools	2.33
Total	\$1,134.98
Total Appropriated for Both	\$107.40
<b>Detail No. 12, Libraries</b>	
Margaret E. Elliott, Librarian	\$ 12.00
Total	\$ 12.00
Appropriated	\$12.00
<b>Detail No. 13, Town Relief and Old Age Assistance</b>	
Dr. G. R. Perry for Back Account, (Joseph Boutin, Jr., Care)	\$ 220.07
Old Age Assistance, (Charles Blake and Napoleon Burke)	200.63
Total	\$ 420.70
Appropriated	\$420.00
<b>Detail No. 14, Patriotic Purposes</b>	
Paid to Ira E. Elliott for Supplies for Memorial Day Dinner	\$ 25.40
Total	\$ 25.40
Appropriated	\$20.00
<b>Detail No. 15, White Mountain Association</b>	
Town's Payment	\$ 12.00
Total	\$ 12.00
Appropriated	\$12.00
<b>Detail No. 16, Cemeteries, Public Service Enterprises</b>	
Wayne Wheeler, Sexton Labor	\$ 95.35
William Harris, Labor	27.45



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Paint and Supplies	13.10
Mower Sharpening	1.25
Cement	.95

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Total	\$ 138.10
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Appropriation	\$75.00
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Balance Received from Trust Funds.	
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**Detail No. 17, Taxes Bought by the Town****Interest and Costs Included**

Amount	\$ 47.83
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Total	\$ 47.83
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**Detail No. 18, Interest**

On Long Term and Short Term Notes	\$ 65.40
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Total	\$ 65.40
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Appropriated	\$60.00
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**Detail No. 19, Balance of Special Polls**

Due Tr. State of New Hampshire	\$ 54.00
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Total	\$ 54.00
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**Detail No. 20, School Payments**

One Half Share of Forest Reserve and Dog	
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Tax Included	\$1,758.71
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Total	\$1,758.71
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Appropriated	\$1,973.77
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**Detail No. 21, Long Term Note**

Community Building Note, Long Term	\$ 88.00
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Total	\$ 88.00
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Appropriated	\$88.00
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**Detail No. 22, Payments to Government Divisions**

County Tax to Grafton County, Harry S.	
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Huckins Tr.	\$ 345.90
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Total	\$ 345.90
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Appropriated

\$345.90

The Selectmen wish to thank all the Town Officers for their fine cooperation in Town affairs for the year ending December 31, 1947.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Period Ending December 31, 1947

Received from Ira Whitcher Fund, interest on \$500.00 U. S. Treasury Bond for Cemetery

\$ 12.50

Bal. December 31, 1946 10.69

\$ 23.19

For Cemetery \$ 12.50

Bal. December 31, 1947 10.69

\$ 23.19

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on \$500.00 U. S. Treasury Bond for care of lot. Balance if any for School and Highways

\$ 12.50

Care of Lot \$ 8.50

For School 2.00

For Highways 2.00

\$ 12.50

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on \$1,000.00 U. S. Treasury Bond for Cemetery. Balance if any for School and Highways

\$ 25.00

For Cemetery \$ 15.00

For School 5.00

For Highways 5.00

\$ 25.00

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Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on \$1,500.00  
and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Bonds for School \$ 49.38

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To Benton School District \$ 49.38

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on \$1,500.00  
and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Bonds for Highways \$ 49.37

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To Town of Benton for  
Highways \$ 49.37

Received from Ella Mann Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited  
Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 1.00

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Care of Lot \$ 1.00

Received from George H. Clark Fund, interest on \$200.00  
deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 3.30

Bal. December 31, 1946 15.60

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\$ 18.90

Care of Lot \$ 4.00

Bal. December 31, 1947 14.90

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\$ 18.90

Received from William T. Torsey Fund, interest on \$50.00  
deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ .84

Bal. December 31, 1946 1.00

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\$ 1.84

Care of Lot .84

Bal. December 31, 1947 1.00

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\$ 1.84

Received from Samuel C. Annis Fund, interest on \$50.00  
deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ .84

Bal. December 31, 1946 1.00

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\$ 1.84

Care of Lot \$ .84

Bal. December 31, 1947	1.00
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	\$ 1.84
Received from Jonathan Davis Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$ .84
Bal. December 31, 1946	1.00
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	\$ 1.84
Care of Lot	\$ .84
Bal. December 31, 1947	1.00
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	\$ 1.84
Received from J. C. Speed Fund, interest on \$134.71 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 2.29
Bal. December 31, 1946	11.19
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	\$ 13.48
Care of Lot	\$ 2.29
Bal. December 31, 1947	11.19
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	\$ 13.48
Received from Samuel Whitcher & William Kendall Fund, interest on \$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 3.30
Bal. December 31, 1946	15.02
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	\$ 18.32
Care of Lot	\$ 4.00
Bal. December 31, 1947	14.32
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	\$ 18.32
Received from Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 1.00
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Care of Lot	\$ 1.00

Received from Daniel M. and Kendrick L. Howe Fund,  
interest on \$100.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust  
Co. \$ 2.01

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Care of Lots \$ 2.01

Received from Isabella M. Tyler Fund, interest on \$50.00  
deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 1.00

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Care of Lot \$ 1.00

Received from L. H. Parker Fund, rent of Cemetery Field  
\$ 5.00

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Care of Lots \$ 5.00

Total amount received from Trust Funds for the year end-  
ing December 31, 1947 \$170.17

Bal. December 31, 1946 55.50

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\$225.67

Total amount paid for care of cemetery lots, for repairing  
and beautifying Mountain View Cemetery, and for school and  
highways \$171.57

Bal. December 31, 1947 54.10

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\$225.67

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,  
NAPOLEON BURKE,  
FORREST CLARK,

Trustees of Trust Funds

# Benton School Report

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## DISTRICT OFFICERS

### School Board

Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman	Term expires 1950
Mrs. Lulu Clark	Term expires 1948
Mr. Floyd Hutchins	Term expires 1949

### Other District Officers

Charles H. Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Frances Mardin	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Ira A. Elliott	Moderator
Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools
Forrest Clark	Truant Officer

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## CERTIFICATE

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This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ETHEL BOUTIN,  
LULU CLARK,  
FLOYD HUTCHINS,

School Board

RONALD A. PERHAM,

Superintendent of Schools

February 1, 1948.

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**WARRANT FOR SCHOOL MEETING****The State of New Hampshire**

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To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton  
qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said district on the ninth day of March, 1948, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN,  
LULU CLARK,  
FLOYD HUTCHINS.

School Board.

**RECEIPTS 1946-1947**

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**State and Federal Aid:**

Equalization fund for elementary schools (from state)	\$1,247.73	
Federal Forest Reserve	301.71	
	<hr/>	\$1,549.44

**Income from Local Taxation:**

(Raised by Selectmen)		
For support of elementary and high schools 1946-47	\$1,150.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,699.44

**Income from Other Sources:**

Income from Local Trust Funds	\$ 61.89	
Dog Licenses	29.00	
Other Receipts	56.00	
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Total		\$ 146.89

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Total Receipts from all Sources	2,846.33
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Cash on Hand at beginning of Year, July 1, 1946	467.07
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GRAND TOTAL	\$3,313.40
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**PAYMENTS 1946-1947**

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**Administration**

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 54.75
Superintendent's Excess Salary	66.85
Expenses of Administration	9.09

**Instruction**

Teachers' Salaries	1,318.06
Textbooks	123.57
Scholars' Supplies	54.19
Other Expenses of Instruction	4.95

**Operation and Maintenance**

Janitor's Salary	319.60
Fuel	51.25
Water, Lights, Janitor's Supplies	52.32
Minor Repairs and Expenses	69.75

**Auxiliary Agencies**

Health Supervision	1.93
Elementary Tuition	72.00

**Fixed Charges**

Insurance	55.00
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**Capital Outlay**

New Equipment	93.93
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**Debt, Interest & Other Charges**

Payment of Principal of Debt	240.00
Payments of Interest on Debt	25.20
Refund—Trust Funds	5.00

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Total Payments for All Purposes	\$2,617.44
Cash on Hand at End of Year, June 30, 1947	695.96

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GRAND TOTAL	\$3,313.40
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**BALANCE SHEET**

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**ASSETS****June 30, 1947****Cash on Hand:**

Balance June 30, 1947	\$ 695.96
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**Accounts Due to District:**

From 1946-47 Town Appropriation	975.00
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Total Assets	\$1,670.96
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**LIABILITIES****June 30, 1947**

Bonds Outstanding	\$1,200.00
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Total Liabilities	\$1,200.00
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Excess of Assets over Liabilities	470.96
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GRAND TOTAL	\$1,670.96
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**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Benton, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANCES MARDIN, Auditor.

July 11, 1947.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1947

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SUMMARY

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1946	\$ 467.07
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**Received from Selectmen:**

Appropriation for Current Year	\$1,150.00
Dog Tax	29.00
Income from Trust Funds	61.89

**Received from State Treasurer:**

State Aid	1,247.73
Forest Reserve	301.71
Received from All Other Sources	56.00
	<hr/> 2,846.33

Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$3,313.40
Less School Board Orders Paid	2,617.44

Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1947	<hr/> \$ 695.96
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CHARLES H. TYLER, District Treasurer

July 11, 1947.

## SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1948-49

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1948.

### Detailed Statement of Expenditures

#### Support of Schools

Teacher's Salary	\$1,900.00
Textbooks	50.00
Scholar's Supplies	60.00
Flags and Appurtenances	5.00
Other Expenses of Instruction	50.00
Janitor Service	300.00
Fuel	167.00
Water, Light, Janitor's Supplies	60.00
Minor Repairs and Expenses	60.00
Health Supervision	35.00
Payment of Elementary Tuitions	150.00
Other Special Activities	10.00
	\$2,847.00

#### Other Statutory Requirements

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 43.00
Truant Officer and School Census	10.00
Payment of Tuition in High Schools	300.00
Superintendent's Excess Salary	83.14
Per Capita Tax	36.00
Payment of District Debt	240.00
Interest on District Debt	20.00
Other Obligations	105.00
	\$ 837.14

Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget	\$3,684.14
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**Estimated Income of District**

Balance June 30, 1948	\$ 700.00
State Aid	1,100.00
Dog Tax	25.00
Income from Trust Funds	60.00
Other Estimated Income	200.00

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Deduct Total Estimated Income	
(Not Raised by Taxation)	\$2,085.00

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Assessment Required to Balance	
School Board's Budget	\$1,599.14
Total Assessment Required to Cover	
Budget and Appropriations	\$1,600.00

We recommend that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00 for the coming school year.

ETHEL BOUTIN,

LULU CLARK,

FLOYD HUTCHINS,

School Board

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith submit my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment of the school in 1946-47 was 18, the average membership 16.37, the percentage of attendance 96.61, the number of tardinesses was 2. There was one pupil attending the Haverhill Academy and there were two elementary pupils at Warren School.

This year the total enrollment is 19. There are two pupils attending high school. One pupil is attending elementary school at Pike.

Mrs. Katie Paige is serving her fifth year as teacher of the Benton School. Mrs. Paige has attended summer school for the past two summers at the University of New Hampshire and Boston University.

While listening to my radio last summer, I heard the announcer of the Boston Station of the Yankee Network introduce "Mrs. Katie Paige, teacher of the Benton Street School". For fifteen minutes Mrs. Paige and the announcer discussed one-room schools. It was an enjoyable program.

We admire Mrs. Paige for her efforts to help the community of Benton and its children.

The community sympathizes with her in the loss of her husband, Mr. Clinton Paige.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM,

Superintendent of Schools.

**Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton N. H.****For the Year Ending December 31, 1947**

Ovila Maurice Vachon, died April 7, 1947; age 37 years, 11 months, 4 days; born at Laconia, N. H.; white, single; father's name, Vitol Vachon; mother's maiden name, Pamela Lessard; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Charles Henry Krug, died April 11, 1947; age 51 years, 2 months, 19 days; born at Somerville, Mass.; white, married; father's name, Charles Krug; mother's maiden name, Ella Weiden; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Ada Weimer Leonard, died April 17, 1947; age 84 years, 9 months, 5 days; born at Oregon, Missouri; white, widowed; father's name, Solomon Weimer; mother's maiden name, Rose Evans; cause of death, cerebral hemorrhage.

Katherine Marie Lapierre, died May 14, 1947; age 26 years, 8 months, 21 days; born at New York, N. Y.; white, married; father's name, Willis Hutchinson; mother's maiden name, Emma Bergquist; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Wilfred Gedeau Cyr, died July 7, 1947; age 50 years, 18 days; born at Wittaun, Canada; white, married; father's name, Israel Cyr; mother's maiden name, Zoe Morin; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Albert Victor Purtell, died July 16, 1947; age 41 years; born at Thre Rivers, Canada; white, single; father's name, Martin Purtell; mother's maiden name, Katherine O'Grady; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Kostas Mourgenos, died August 9, 1947; age 33 years, 1 month, 6 days; born at Pittsford, Maine; white, single; father's name, William Mourgenos; mother's maiden name, Mary Manolakos; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Godert Van Unen, died September 27, 1947; age 53 years, 7 months, 10 days; born at Culport, Holland; white, divorced; father's name, Hendrick Van Unen; mother's maiden name, Wilhelmina Helmod; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Estelle Lorraine Guilbault, died October 8, 1947; age 23 years, 4 months, 2 days; born at Claremont, N. H.; white, single;

father's name, Frank Guilbault; mother's maiden name, Cora Thiibeault; cause of death, tuberculosis meningitis.

Paul Herbert Lewis, died October 7, 1947; age 44 years, 10 months, 5 days; born at Bradford, N. H.; white, single; father's name, Leander H. Lewis; mother's maiden name, Helen A. Seavey; cause of death, acute pulmonary edema, with congestive heart failure.

Alma Montmigny, died November 14, 1947; age 59 years, 8 months, 24 days; born at Berlin, N. H.; white, widowed; father's name, Joseph Labie; mother's maiden name, Emma Gagnon; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Elizabeth Catherine Duclos, died December 24, 1947; age 26 years, 4 months, 17 days; born at Nashua, N. H.; white, married; father's name, William Fox; mother's maiden name, Rose Arnold; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Alexander Lasky, died December 19, 1947; age 27 years, 3 months, 23 days; born at Claremont, N. H.; white, single; father's name, Alexander Lasky; mother's maiden name, Mary Kuznich; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

David Kuja, died December 31, 1947; age 31 years, 6 days; born at Troy, N. H.; white, single; father's name, Isaac Kuja; mother's maiden name, unknown; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.









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